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FOR: BIAS CURRENT SUPPLY CIRCUIT :
AND AMPLIFICATION CIRCUIT

PROVISIONAL ELECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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In response to the election requirement dated July 19, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the Species I, identified in the outstanding Official Action as corresponding to Figures 5 and 6, for further examination on the merits. Applicant identifies Claims 1-4 and 11-17 as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Furthermore, while the Election Requirement asserts that the application contains claims to patentably distinct species, MPEP § 803 states the following:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Although the outstanding Official Action does not identify search classifications, it is believed that the claims of the present application would have to be searched in a handful of sub-classes. Furthermore, since electronic searching is commonly performed, a search may

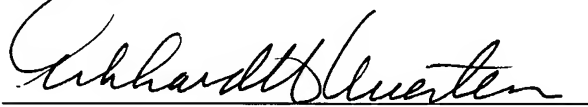
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be made of a large number of, or theoretically all, subclasses without substantial additional effort. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the Election Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner, whereas it would be a serious burden on Applicants to prosecute and maintain separate applications.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single species be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-27 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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